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Councilmember Thomas to Install First Defibrillator in Wilson Building

Emergency Legislation to Place AEDs in Recreation Facilities to Be Reintroduced

Washington, DC -- Ward 5 Councilmember Harry “Tommy” Thomas, Jr. will install the first automated external defibrillator (AED) in the Wilson Building on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 9:45 a.m. Bo Kimble and Dr. Tamara Goode, Founders of Forty-Four for Life Foundation, and Rachel Moyer, founder of the Greg Moyer Foundation, are donating the device as part of their efforts to encourage the installation of AEDs in public buildings. The device will be installed in Room 107, Councilmember Thomas’ office. Event details are listed below.

Mr. Kimble and Ms. Moyer have each experienced the lost of a person close to them from a sudden and unexpected heart attack. Mr. Kimble was present when his friend and teammate, Hank Gathers, died in 1990 of cardiac arrest during a college basketball game. Ms. Moyer’s son, Gregory, died in 2000 of cardiac arrest during a high school basketball team. Greg was 15. Earlier this year, a 10 year-old District elementary school student succumbed to a heart attack after collapsing at school.

Also on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, Councilmember Thomas and Councilmember Bowser will reintroduce emergency legislation to require recreation facilities to install and maintain automated, external defibrillators in Department of Parks and Recreation facilities. The Council’s Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary will hold a hearing on the permanent legislation next month

“The installation of AEDs in our recreation centers is an important step toward raising the bar on the level of public health and safety we provide to District residents,” said Thomas. “My goal is to see AEDs installed in all public buildings in DC.”

Who: Ward 5 Councilmember Harry “Tommy” Thomas, Jr
What: Installation of First AED in Wilson Building
When: 9:45 am, Tuesday, May 6, 2008
Where: Hallway in Front of Room 107, Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

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